

## **Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of March 24, 2010**

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting.

### **Attendance:**

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Yvonne Dalke (Chair), Lisa Eytel, Chris Moore, Eric Thompson, John Fredenburg
- Parks Commissioners absent: Rob McFarland (notified ahead), Karen Wallace (notified ahead).
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty
- Guests in attendance: Karen Lynne, Mike (unknown last name).

The meeting began at 6:05 pm.

### **Donation of Park Bench and Trees**

The Parks Commission was joined by Karen Lynne, who came to present a proposal to donate a 4-foot long granite bench in Torguson Park, in memory of her father. The bench would have an engraving on an edge of the bench, "in memory of Darden Lewallen". The Parks Commissioners liked the idea and voiced a recommendation of approval, but for future donation requests, asked to have staff prepare a policy on the City's receipt of donated memorial park features or facilities. Mike stated that he would prepare draft policy for the Parks Commission to consider at their next meeting for recommending to Council for adoption.

### **Minutes of the January 27, 2010 Parks Commission Meeting**

The Parks Commissioners accepted the minutes as presented for the January 27, 2010 Parks Commission Meeting.

### **Update on Torguson Park Safety Netting**

Mike presented an update on a proposal for safety netting between the youth softball field and the tot lot. The Council has asked staff to put together a proposal the safety netting. The Public Works Department is currently drafting the proposal. It is expected to be complete shortly for putting out to bid.

### **Brainstorming for Torguson Park Master Site Plan**

Mike presented the Parks Commission with an aerial photo of Torguson Park, with the Tot Lot and climbing wall drawn in to scale, to begin discussion on trail locations and landscaping for updating the Torguson Park Master Site Plan.

The Parks Commissioners discussed wishing to have a loop trail within Torguson Park rather than just trails that connect to various park features. Because of the location of the property fence line immediately outside of the baseball outfield safety gravel and 300-foot outfield line, a paved trail located around the baseball outfields does not appear feasible for safety reasons. The Parks Commissioners asked Mike to check into alternative surfaces which could replace the safety gravel and be used for a trail at this location. Mike said that he would check into this, and further into the feasibility of a trail at this location. As an alternative, or as a phase 1 proposal, the Parks Commission discussed a loop trail around the soccer field and youth softball

field. The Parks Commission requested that the loop trail, wherever it be located, be a measurable distance around (such as ¼ mile, ½ mile, 1km, etc.).

Mike presented a preliminary landscape proposal for the parking lot, which was used to generate a cost estimate for a budget request for the 2010 budget for parking lot landscaping (this item was not funded). The Parks Commission concurred with the parking lot landscaping, but requested that species selected not limit visibility at corners (limiting evergreens to the larger center island).

Mike stated that he would refine the plan based on Parks Commission comments and bring it back for review at the next meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

Mike (last name?) provided public comment regarding park facilities. He lives on NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street across from EJ Roberts Park, and wished to see additional garbage cans installed at the park, and that lids be installed on the existing garbage cans to prevent birds and squirrels from retrieving garbage and making a mess. He also suggested that swings for larger kids be installed at the park. He requested that the City place additional fill under the slide, as the height of the base of the slide has become greater over time, and is now about 3 feet. Mike McCarty stated that he would pass along the information on the slide to the Parks Crew, as this was a possible safety issue. Mike McCarty also stated that the Parks Commission could include these other requests in a "park improvement" decision card (budget request) later in the year for Council Consideration for the 2011 budget.

#### **Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 at 6pm.

#### **Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:**

  
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Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair

  
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Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

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